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NAF Sailors Complete ASF Academy

By IT2 Darryl Howlett

Staff Writer

Blood. Sweat. Security. That's the story and image behind Naval Air Facility El Centro's Auxiliary Security Force (ASF) Academy.

Twenty-seven Sailors from the base recently completed the two-week school December 6. Sailors spent two weeks becoming familiarized with weapons, self-defense "take down" techniques, the definition of deadly force, and the latest information on

terrorism. Two sergeants from the United States Marine Corps, Larry Sommers and Jason Gibson also conducted a two-day gun qualification course at the Imperial Valley Gun Association's shooting.

Lt. Michael Conn, Security Officer for base security, told the Sailors they are vital in maintaining base security readiness in the

terrifying times after September 11. About half of the graduating class will work for base security full time while others will form a rotating watch, standing two to three 12-hour watches per month.

The academy received high marks from those who participated.

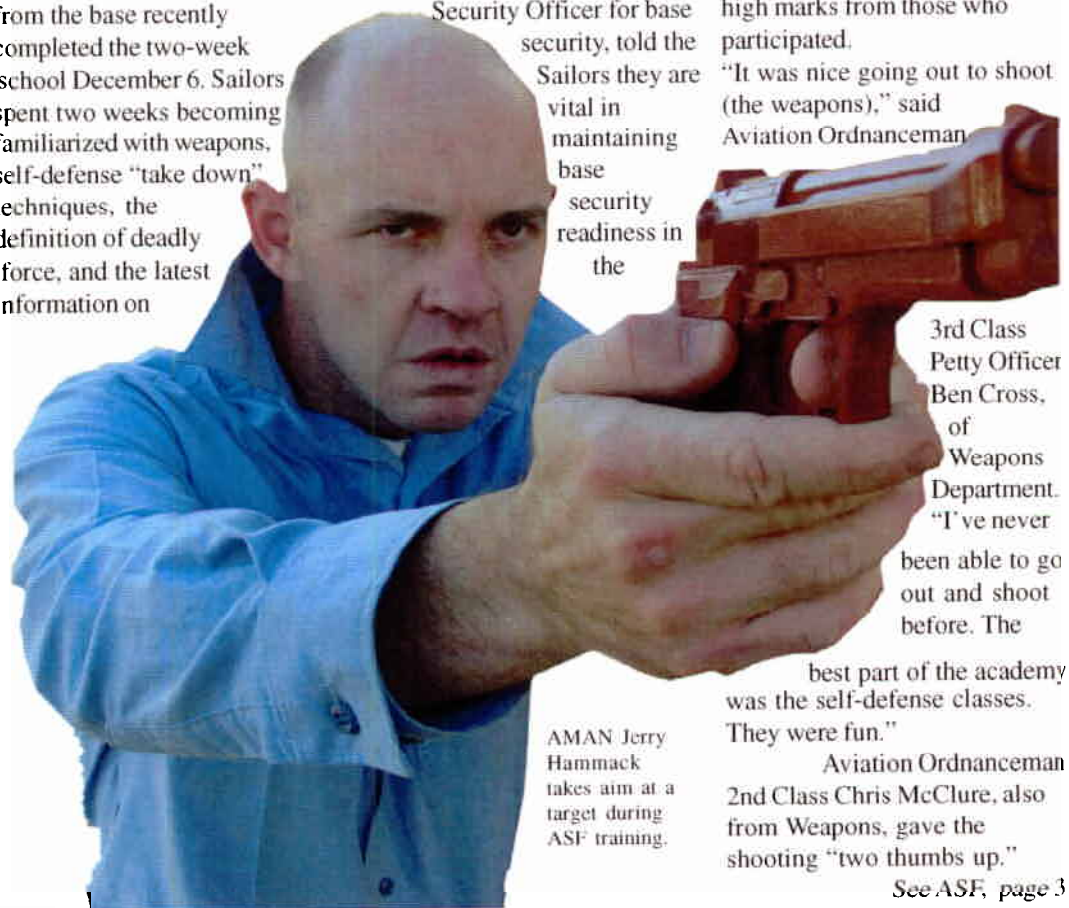
"It was nice going out to shoot (the weapons)," said Aviation Ordnanceman

3rd Class Petty Officer Ben Cross, of Weapons Department. "I've never been able to go out and shoot before. The

best part of the academy was the self-defense classes. They were fun."

Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class Chris McClure, also from Weapons, gave the shooting "two thumbs up."

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AMAN Jerry Hammack takes aim at a target during ASF training.



Elks Lodge donates Food Baskets to Sailors.

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Captain's Corner

Happy Holidays

As we close the calendar on another year, let's take a few moments to remember all that has transpired during the past 365 days. We must not let the tragedy of 11 September overshadow all the good we enjoyed. Because of the great work you have done, we at NAFEC have a lot to be proud of and can hold our heads high. Let's try and remember some of those events.

In March we had our most successful airshow in the history of NAFEC. In spite of the rain the previous two weeks and the wind conditions which caused us to break the show line down the night before, our Saturday airshow was up and ready when the guests came through the gates. Could not have been accomplished with normal people working, but our people are special and they knew they could get everything set back up. What a great job! Let's not forget the performers in the show that agreed to take some of our troops on a short hop the following Sunday. They only did that

because of the way NAFEC treats them. We do things right. YOU do things right.

Our Weapons and Operations departments were thoroughly taxed during the year. Once again we surpassed 160,000 flight operations. That meant Weapons was building bombs and our tower personnel were busy making this a safe airfield. Great jobs by both departments, and of course the Raytheon Reps kept the C-12 airborne, which kept me happy. However, for all those things to happen it took the other departments on the base to elevate their performance also. All the Administrative tasks, Supply watching the fuel, oil and hazwastes products had to be accomplished. PSD, Safety and the Fire Department were all involved. Medical and STRIKE stepped up to the plate without complaint. The Comptroller, Chaplain, Commissary and Exchange all exceeded expectations. MWR was always there trying to provide for everyone, even though we were all complaining about something. And still we had even more departments involved; Housing was instrumental in making detachments feel at home. Every time a computer went on the blink or we wanted to change electronic support, IT had to become involved. Weather has a hand in every flight operation and Brown and Root tries to keep us all happy when we land, in our home and in our workspaces. Public Works and ROICC kept their fingers on the pulse of the base, and if we could compare our facility with previous years you know we are much better off today than before. It appears the only ones sluffing off are the XO and I, and I know he is working. (Guess I will have to step up my effort next year.) But the bottom line is once again the great production by you, the people of NAFEC. Thanks!

As we celebrate this Holiday Season, we need to remember to make it the safest holiday we have ever had. Leave yourself plenty of time to get somewhere. Check out the extension cords when you plug something in. Make sure the boiling water is on the back burner so children do not accidentally pull it down on themselves. Be extra careful on the highway. Not everyone is as considerate



as you, be a defensive driver and be prepared for anything. Know what is going on around you.

I don't like to close on a sour note, but we can not ignore the events of 11 September. What happened in New York City and at the Pentagon have affected our lives forever. In the short term, new security measures have been installed. Our Security Department is tasked to do more while still being undermanned. The ASF supplement helps, but we still needed more. The Reserve members who are here for a year have taken a large load off of our Security personnel, but we still need more. We need you, the people of NAFEC, to understand what Security is trying to do. They are trying to protect the assets of the Navy, that means you and your families. When you go through the gate, say "Hi" and be courteous, Security is on your side. Eventually we will overcome the terrorist organizations, they will regret the day they decided to come to American shores. But, it will take time and commitment. I ask you, the people of NAFEC to remember those who went before us. Those innocent who died tragically because they believed in America. Remember, and commit yourselves to our country. We are the greatest country on the face of this Earth.

On behalf of myself, my wife and the Executive Officer, I wish each of you a Happy Holiday and hope you will come back to work refreshed and ready to make 2002 an even better year.

We are the best base in the entire United States Navy!

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Auxiliary Security Force

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"Overall, on a scale of one to 10, I give the class a seven," McClure said. "Obviously my favorite part of the class was the shooting. The instruction for the shooting was excellent."

Air Traffic Controlman 3rd Class Brandi Hoskins of Operations Department had fun with the class.

"It was very informative and challenging," Hoskins said. "My favorite part was the shooting range. I never fired a

weapon before."

Class leader, Cryptologic Technician Administrative 1st Class Petty Officer Jeffrey Cates, said the Marine instructors impressed him the most.

"The material in the lessons for the completion of this academy were and are informative and makes it possible for a service member to leapfrog into the law enforcement area in one's Navy career," Cates said. "The instructors were not only challenging but professional and

interesting with their approach to instruction."

Sgt. Gibson commended the class for their knowledge, skill and integrity.

"With over 100 classes taught in the Northeast Region and this being my first class in the Southwest Region, this is the best class I've had," Gibson said. "To have this many people in one class and graduate, it was an outstanding class."



AO2 Chris McClure takes aim at a target using a 12-gauge shotgun while Marine Sgt. Jason Gibson checks for form.

In a pretend scenario, AC3 Barbara Ford and AC3 Brandi Hoskins take down an uncooperative suspect.



Airman Apprentice Justin Hall takes down instructor Sgt. Gibson in a self defense movement taught by the instructors.



Left, Sailors fired rounds at targets from 7, 15, and 25 yards.

Below, The 27 Sailors who graduated from the ASF academy are now ready to assist base security.

Photos by JO2 Carmichael Yépez



OS1 Tony Gulbis punches his opponent for 30 seconds in a test for endurance.





Morale Welfare and Recreation



Photos by JO2 Carmichael Yépez



Base residents took advantage of MWR facilities during Military Appreciation Week last month. During the Thanksgiving holidays the miniature golf course, go-cart track, and the bowling alley were among



the more popular facilities residents enjoyed.



Above Amy Nunez keeps score for son Daniel and his friend Juanita Chavez. Third left, daughter Lauren finds an easier way to make the ball go in. Far left, Mark Seawell teaches daughter Megan how to make a putt. Mark is married to AME2 Collen Seawell of Strike.



Face painting was lots of fun.

The Childrens Christmas Party was held at the Sports Center Sunday Dec. 16. Children and their parents enjoyed craft activities, face painting, and games. Santa Claus arrived with Sparky the dog and both took pictures with children beside the Christmas Tree. But the young ones weren't the only ones at the party, as usual, the Snowbirds from the RV park were there to assist the folks from MWR.



The Snowbirds were Santa's helpers.



Activities included craft making.



Santa and Sparky arrive at the Sports Center.

The Captain's Cup Banquet and Awards Presentation was held on Wednesday Dec. 12 at the Mirage Club.

Sailors, Soldiers and civilian personnel were recognized for their accomplishments and achievements in this years Captain's Cup Program.

Awards were given for most valuable player, department accomplishments and Captain's Cup standings.



Executive Officer, CDR. Brian Wild presented the trophies and awards at the banquet ceremony.



24 Hours a Day... The Facts

By IT2 Darryl Howlett
Staff Writer

The firefighters of NAF El Centro are on the job waiting to fight fires or save lives if needed 24 hours a day...

The department is comprised of 21 firefighters, but they are currently looking for eight firefighters and one captain to join their ranks...

The vehicles they operates include two Crash fire trucks, Fire fighting, and Rescue Vehicles; and two attack pumper firetrucks...

Most of the firefighters are from the local community

with the exception of two who live in San Diego, and Yuma, Arizona...

In the last six months, firefighters have responded to numerous calls to include a fire on Dogwood Road in El Centro to fight a hay fire that consumed a barn as well as surrounding structures. They have also responded to more than 10 medical-aid calls on base...

When they are not on the run, they constantly conduct training, routine inspections on vehicles and equipment, and testing fire hoses...

In remembrance of



Photo by JO2 Carmichael Yopez

On call 24 hours a day from left to right, Firefighter Eduardo Rivera, (EMT) Robbie Robertson, Engineer Gary Salgado and Capt. Gilbert Flores.

their fallen comrades in New York, they fly the American flag on their fire truck...

The current Fire Chief

is Steve Monteleone, but he will soon be leaving to take over as Fire Chief at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy...

Elks Lodge Donates Food Baskets to Sailors at NAF

By JO2 Carmichael Yopez
Staff Writer

Thirteen Sailors and their families received food baskets donated by the El Centro Elks Lodge during Thanksgiving last month.

"We give Turkeys and all the fixings to the needy in the El Centro area during Thanksgiving and Christmas," said Gil Perez, Chairman of the Food Service Drive for the El Centro Elks Lodge.

Part of the Elks' motto is to help those in need. For the past five years, one of their missions has been to donate the money raised through their annual Crab Crack Dinner for the food baskets.

"I like to see it happen every year. It helps out the younger Sailors with

dependents," said Aviation Structural Mechanic (Safety Equipment) 2nd Class (SCW) Colleen Seawell of Strike Fighter Pacific Wing, who picked up eight food baskets for her department.

The food baskets contain everything needed for a great holiday meal such as eggs, yams, potatoes, green salads, and stuffing.

Besides donating food baskets to Sailors at the base, the Elks donated Turkeys and fixings to needy families in the El Centro vicinity.

"It's a very satisfying to see that we are able to help a little," said Perez.

According to Command Master Chief Vince Seay the Elks lodge donated food baskets during Thanksgiving to Sailors, because the Chamber of Commerce



Photo by JO2 Carmichael Yopez

YN1 Michael Martin and CMDCM Vince Seay help Gil Perez with bags of groceries for the food baskets.

We are looking for interesting stories to write about.

You are welcome to submit your own stories, or pictures about events that involve our environment on base.

Tell us about a place you've been to, an event going on in your department, or anything you think would be of interest to our community.

POC ITCM(SW) Douglas Lattimer, at 2556, or JO2 Carmichael Yopez at 2519. yopez.carmichael.e@nafec.navy.mil

A Cosmic Burger

Had a burger lately?
Our Field Reporter IT2 Darryl Howlett has declared the burgers at the Bowling Alley as the best burgers on base. The Bowling Alley is open daily for lunch.





Replacing The Dinosaurs

Navy Chief and Computer Technician Find a better Use For

Excess Computers.

By JO2 Carmichael Yopez

Staff Writer

Naval Air Facility El Centro donated more than 200 Pentium computers to neighboring schools thanks to a program called PCs to Schools.

When Electronic Technician Chief Bill Toole first arrived to NAF El Centro he found he was in charge of a storage room full of computers. The first thing that came to his mind was how to get rid of them.

"When I reported on board in January 2000, the computers were excess due to the arrival of new leased computers. I had read about a program called PCs to schools, so I decided that instead of

getting rid of them I would see if a local school would take them. I contacted the computer technician at Seeley Union School and he was more than happy to take them," said Toole. "We were still using 486s and Apple 2Es from the 80s, but thanks to the Navy's computers, the students are now working on Pentium class computers," said Mark Justman, Computer Specialist for the Smaller Imperial County School District.

Of the 200 computers donated, 100 were ready for use without any modifications; the rest were used for parts. According to Justman, besides having better computers, they were able to save money.

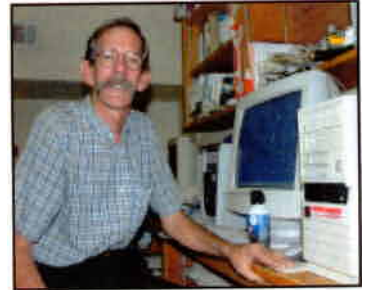
"I don't throw away

the old computers because I use them for parts. That saves us \$30 to \$35 per part. It has saved us tons of money. Add to that about \$400 per machine, this is money we can use elsewhere in education," said Justman.

Seeley was not the only school to benefit from the computers. Westmorland, Meadows, Magnolia and Mulberry also received computers installed by Justman.

"In Westmorland we were able to replace 22 386s in a computer lab with Pentiums. Kids run to the computer lab and have lots of fun," said Justman.

The computers are used for learning different Microsoft programs. In some schools they are used as



Mark Justman has installed over 100 computers in five different schools.

interactive programs for students learning English as a second language.

For Justman and Toole the opportunity to help out young children has given them a greater sense of accomplishment knowing they have replaced some old dinosaurs in this new age of technology.

"I couldn't even put it in words. Seeing the kids working on the computers gives me a great feeling," said Justman.

Child Safety On The Internet

By David Golding

Information Technology Site Manager

Children can have many experiences using the Internet, both good and bad. There are many dangers for children lurking in the Internet. The big two are unacceptable web pages and chat sites.

The most obvious type of web page you may deem unacceptable provides pornography. There are other types of unacceptable pages relating to hate, graphic violence, criminal behavior, etc. that your children can be exposed to.

Chat pages can be very dangerous. Children may receive undesirable communications with pedophiles and other undesirables. There have been several incidents nation wide in

which pedophiles communicated with children via chat rooms.

Software is available to control Internet access. One type, often referred to as filtering or parental control software, allows the parent to block access to unacceptable web sites. The software comes with predetermined sites that can be updated either by Internet access to the vendor and/or parental additions. Examples are Net Nanny and Cyber Sitter.

A better type of software combines parental control and virus protection, privacy control, intrusion detection, and firewall protection. Examples are Norton Internet Security and McAfee Internet Security. For more on this subject you may wish to go to the following web pages:

<http://www.ncis.navy.mil/Safekids>
<http://www.safekids.com>

Child Development Food Program

The Naval Air facility El Centro Child Development Service announces the sponsorship of Childcare Food Program for the Child Development Centers and the Child Development Homes Program.

All children in these programs will be offered the same meals at no separate charge with no physical segregation on and without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability or political belief. If you believe you have been

discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability or political belief, write immediately to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Rm. 326- W Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Ave, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (Voice and TDD).

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4663 or Zelietha Edsman at (805) 982-48409, or Chris Batelaan at (805) 989-3675 or write them at the Child Development Center, Naval Base Ventura County, MWR Code N921 V1 Port Hueneme Site/Point Mugu Site, 311 Main ED Suite 1, Point Mugu Ca 93042-5000.

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Heroes Honored at Sunset Retreat

By IT2 Darryl Howlett

Staff Writer

Flag-waving, patriotic singing, and remembering all veterans – both dead and alive – contributed to an uplifting 6th Annual Sunset Retreat Ceremony held on Veteran's Day.

The event, held outside the Pioneer's Museum at the Imperial Valley College, involved active duty, retired veterans, as well as, local, state, and federal government agencies.

"We're here in honoring living veterans and those gone before us," said Joe Rodrigues, a Vietnam veteran with the U.S. Army, and the event's master of ceremonies. "We stand here this evening in the midst of such a shocking and painful loss as on Sept. 11. Now the civilian population has become a target. Civilians are now frontline Soldiers."

This year's event paid special tribute to all those veterans who fought and died in the Vietnam War.

Ed Castillo Rubio, a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran gave a moving tribute to

the "misunderstood" war by telling the audience about patrols in the dark jungle where the enemy was not just the Viet Cong, but also Chinese soldiers, leeches, and vipers.

Rubio reminded the crowd of about 400 the ill treatment of Soldiers returning to the United States following the war and encouraged today's Americans to support both active duty and veterans with praise and thankfulness.

The 70-minute ceremony included a Civil War reenactment cannon salute by the Imperial Valley Living History Association and a 21-gun salute by the U.S. Border Patrol El Centro Sector.

Naval Air Facility El Centro Commanding Officer Capt. L. W. Crane, spoke highly of Imperial Valley's commitment to veterans.

"This is a great way to honor living veterans," said Capt. Crane. "They do a great job."



Members of the Imperial Valley Living History Museum dressed in Civil War uniforms at the ceremony.

One of the heroes of wars past, Carpenter's Mate (Damage Control) 1st Class James Patterson, 80, served in the U.S. Navy 1940 to 1946. Patterson knows the importance of serving your country even in the worst of situations. Patterson is a survivor of the USS Yorktown (CV-5) after it was sunk by the Japanese during the

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Sailor Wins \$450.00 Voucher



Capt. Larry Crane and Ralph Ramsey MWR Director presented Airman Nicole Miller from Weapons Department with a \$450.00 airline voucher to be used anywhere in the U.S.

"I can't afford things like this all the time. I was just planning on going to the Sun Dance Festival in Utah and now thanks to this I will be able to go," said Miller.

This is the second year MWR give's the Home for the Holidays voucher. To participate Sailors must fill out the entry forms placed at all MWR facilities. Last years winner was Aviation Ordnance Chief (AW) Jeff Elliot.

"I think it's a great thing MWR has this program. I used my ticket for a weekend trip to Seattle," said Elliot.

Campus Corner

Photo by JO2 Carmichael Yepcz

By Vicki Crane

Vincennes University Site Coordinator

Vincennes University NAF El Centro has had a very busy year. The credit goes to all the military and dependent personnel who have supported our military education program throughout 2001. Thank You!

In May of this year, we had six students receive their Associate's degree. Several of these students are already working on their Bachelor's degree.

At the present time, Vincennes is offering two programs, General Studies and Law Enforcement.

Our classes are offered on Monday and Wednesday, or Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Exchange Complex, convenient for housing and barracks residents. Books are free and tuition assistance (TA) is available.

Cost for a three-hour course is \$285.00, however, with TA benefits the cost is only \$71.25 per class.

Before taking a course, you must



Mrs. Crane along with students and Instructors during Students Appreciation Night.

first receive approval from your command. The next step is to apply for your TA benefits through PSD, or if you are with Strike apply through the Administration Department.

CLEP testing is available weekly through the office of CWO2 Ricardo Izquierdo, Strike Fighter Maintenance Unit. Vincennes accepts credits for your military

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Trash pick-up had never been so fun

By IT2 Darryl Howlett

Staff Writer

Twenty-eight Sailors from Weapons Department participated in picking up trash along Bennett Road on December 13 as part of the adopt-a-highway program.

The Sailors are members of the Aviation Ordnanceman Association Desert Southwest Region.



"(The association) adopted this road and we also do different things out in the community, painting, helping out," said Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Petty



Officer Tony Tinsley, while he was placing trash into plastic bags.

"I think it's fine we're doing this, giving

back to the community," said Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Petty Officer Carlessia Butler.

Aviation Ordnanceman Chief Petty Officer Jeff Elliott said the trash pick-up is a semi-annual event.

"This is all due to our Chapter President Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class John Cleary. He organized and scheduled the days," said Elliott, who also



serves as Weapons Department Head. "We also (clean the road) right before the Blue Angels Air Show in March. We'll pick up about 30 bags of trash from tires to cigarette packs, metal crates, and beer bottles."

A barbecue at Building 4003 awaited all the Sailors after this successful community project.

The Housing Office

By Pattie Crew

Quality Assurance Evaluator

The Housing Department is happy to welcome the Sandpaper back! We thought this would be a great opportunity to pass on information that is useful to the residents and at the same time update personnel on "what's up" to keep you informed on policies, procedures and /or

items available at self-help. We also would like to include a few "FAQ's" (frequently asked questions). Please call us at 337-4920 or leave a message on our voice mail.

This month we would like to put out a few reminders: Let us know if you have a new telephone number, you have been promoted, or if you have a new addition to your family.

Remember to drop a copy of your Page 2 or DEERS form to Housing. If you have new PCS orders, come by and fill out an Intent to Vacate form 30 days prior to your departure.

Tony (Hsg yard inspector) welcomes anyone needing assistance to call him at 337-4913. If you are planning a planter project or need extra time completing yard maintenance he will work with

you as long as he sees a continued effort.

At this time of year the grass becomes dormant and watering should be limited. Program sprinklers for 3-4 minutes once a day. If you need help call me (Pattie) and I'll gladly do it for you.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and as always, "God Bless America"!

Spotlight Sailor



DKSA Juanita Maldonado
PSD NAF El Centro

Hometown: Santa Ana, Calif.

Enjoys most about job:

"The people I work with. They're funny."

Hobbies: "Sleeping, reading, talking on the phone, and spending time with friends."

Favorite Restaurant:

"Mexicali Tacos (Carne Asada Tacos)."

Time at NAF:

"Two years."

Hometown: Miami, Fla.

Enjoys most about job:

"Working with the people I work with. I definitely work in the best office anywhere."

Hobbies: "Camping, reading, and painting."

Looking forward to:

"Continuing my education and spending more time with my kids."

Time at NAF:

"Three years."

Outlook: "Never wait to take advantage of each and every opportunity presented."

Spotlight Civilian



Monica King
Resource Management



NAF Takes The Lead In Local Parade

By JO2 Carmichael Yopez

Staff Writer

NAF El Centro took the lead in the 56th annual El Centro Los Vigilantes-Merchants Christmas

Parade. At the front was NAF's Color Guard composed by AC3 Barbara Ford, AOAN Misty Garcia, AO3 Holly Gurl, and SK1 Francisco Diego.

"Every one is out here full of American pride. We are going to be the first ones they see. I feel honored especially because I am the one carrying the



flag," said Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Misty Garcia, Weapons Department.

Acting as Honorary Grand Marshal of the Parade was Capt. Larry Crane accompanied by his wife Vicki, who rode in a red convertible as they waved to the crowd.

Get The Orders You Want Using Your Guard 2000

By YN1 Michael Martin

Command Career Counselor

The Guard 2000 Program offers Sailors two guaranteed assignments during their career, and allows the detailer to assign a lower priority billet than he would normally be able to fill. The Sailor electing to use a GUARD 2000 assignment must obligate for a four, five or six year reenlistment. The first

assignment under GUARD 2000 must be used at the Sailor's first reenlistment. The second can be exercised during any subsequent reenlistment, except for twilight tours. Twilight tours are a separate program. Some important things to remember about GUARD 2000 are:
1 - All assignments are pre-negotiated between the Sailor and the detailer. As always, orders will be for valid requirements and in accordance

with current manning policies.
2 - All Sailors from pay grades E-4 through E-9 can use GUARD 2000. E-3's must pass an E-4 examination to qualify.
3 - Sailors must meet minimum performance requirements.
4 - Guaranteed assignments include ship/aircraft type, homeport (sea duty), geographic location (shore duty), and split tour.
5 - Training schools are not part of the GUARD 2000 program.

Certain assignments may require specific skills and Sailors will be ordered to training as a result. Other incentive programs provide Sailors a way to obtain desired training.

If you have any questions about the GUARD 2000 program, or any other career oriented needs, call the Command Career Counselor at 339-2479.

Sunset Retreat

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Battle of Midway in World War II.

"The ceremony was great," said Patterson. "I liked it a lot. It's important to remember those who served their country."

After the ceremony, Patterson spent time in the museum answering questions about the navy and showing pictures of his old ship and remembering old shipmates. And as the day suggested "Freedom is not free."

Elks Donate Food Baskets

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had already donated turkeys. But he added that for Christmas the Elks planned on donating both turkeys and

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experience through SAMART transcripts.

Our next term begins Monday Jan. 9, 2001. We are offering the following classes:

HMM 118 Music Appreciation

M/W 4:40 - 7:30 p.m.

SMA 101 Inter Algebra

M/W 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

HEW 102 English Comp II

M/W 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

EPL 210 Police Ops & Com/ Rel

TU/TH 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

SLS 105 Life Science & L/S Lab

TU/TH 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Classes offered during Jan/Feb term will work toward requirements for your Associates Degree. Hope to see you in the classroom! POC, VU Site Coordinator at 339-986.



Attention to Quarters



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Quarters was held Dec. 13 for NAF personnel at the base theatre. Sailors who were advanced to a higher pay grade were also frocked during this time. Strike Fighter, Medical, and PSD also frocked their newly advanced Sailors during this week.

1. ACAN Adrian Garza frocked to 3rd Class Petty Officer.

2. ACAN Raul Suarez selected as NAFEC Junior Sailor of the Quarter.

3. ATAN David Williams frocked to 3rd Class Petty Officer.

4. AOAN Gloria Cerda Frocked to 3rd Class Petty Officer.

5. AC3 Standrew Bittany Frocked to 2nd Class Petty Officer.

6. AC2 Rene Nodal selected as NAFEC Sailor of the Quarter.

7. Debbie Hebert received 15 Year Service Pin.

8. AZ2 Tina Bibby received Navy Achievement Medal.

9. AC3 Paul Simmons frocked to 2nd Class petty Officer.

10. AO3 Tanya McCarlson frocked to 2nd Class Petty Officer.

11. AOAN Amanda Winger frocked to 3rd Class Petty Officer.

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Sailors frocked from tenant commands

Strike Fighter

AD1 Anibal Garza

AD3 Richard Hoiles

AD3 James Johnson

AD3 Shawna Perey

AE1 Raymond Neipert

AE3 Jason Evans

AM2 Donald Christy

AM2 Efren Coronado

AME3 Salvador Rivas

AO3 Timothy Foster

AO3 Michael Simer

AT2 Regina Becerra

AT3 Shea Davey

AT3 Ryan Dean

AZ3 Tarah Stevenson

Medical

HM3 Melody Frey

HM3 Robert Pitka

HM3 James Hodges

PSD

DK3 Jihyon Rhee